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C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 2029

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SUBJ: DEPARTURE OF CUBAN AMBASSADOR CONRADO CRABBE

1. CUBA'S FIRST AMBASSADOR TO SIERRA LEONE, CONRADO CRABBE, WILL DEPART FREETOWN FOR HAVANA JULY 4, 1978. CRABBE, WHO ARRIVED MAY 1, 1973 HAS INDICATED ONLY THAT HE IS RETURNING TO HAVANA FOR A REST BUT AS HE TURNED 65 IN FEBRUARY, HE WILL PRESUMABLY RETIRE.

2. CRABBE AND HIS PLEASANT WIFE HAVE BEEN POPULAR IN THE LOCAL COMMUNITY. HE HAS BEEN CORDIAL IN SOCIAL RELATIONS WITH THE U.S. AMBASSADOR ESPECIALLY SINCE THE OPENING OF INTEREST OFFICES IN HAVANA AND WASHINGTON. HE INVITED THE AMBASSADOR TO THE CUBAN NATIONAL DAY CELEBRATION IN JANUARY 1978 FOR THE FIRST TIME AND GAVE ESPECIALLY CORDIAL ATTENTION TO THE U.S. CHARGE' WHO ATTENDED. DIPLOMATIC COLLEAGUES WHO ATTENDED THE FAREWELL RECEPTION CRABBE GAVE LAST WEEK REPORT THAT THEY WERE STRUCK BY THE UNUSUALLY LARGE NUMBER OF SIERRA LEONE GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS WHO ATTENDED. AT LEAST IN PART THIS IS DUE TO THE FRIENDLY EXTROVERT NATURE OF CRABBE HIMSELF WHO APPARENTLY HAS DONE A LARGE AMOUNT OF OPEN-HANDED ENTERTAINING.

3. CRABBE'S SUCCESSOR HAS NOT BEEN ANNOUNCED.

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